s. No.	Name of Scheme	No. of NGOs.
8.	Integrated Programme for Street Children	14
9.	Provision of Shelter Houses for looking after the animals	1
10.	Provision of Ambulance services to Animals in Distress	3
11.	Birth Control and Immunization of Stray Dogs	1

(b) and (c) The assistance for the financial year is released in two instalments and the second instalment is released on receipt of inspection report and recommendation of appropriate authorities. The recommendation while assessing the working of the organisation also reports on the utilisation of funds and the progress made. The schemes of the Ministry are generally for the voluntary organisations of the entire country. These schemes are publicised periodically so that more number of NGOs all over the country can be covered under the various schemes of the Ministry.

Organisations working for Physically Handicapped/Destitutes in Assam

1930. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the institutes or organisations working for physically handicapped/destitutes in Assam, location-wise;

(b) the proposals received from NGOs and government agencies for Grant-in-aid to institutes working for physically handicapped and destitutes in Assam since 1996;

(c) the details of such proposals approved, sanctioned amount and the reason for rejection of non-sanctioned applications, year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are considerable delay in release of Grant-in-aid after sanction to some NGOs of the North-East; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The number of projects and the number of nongovernmental organisations working for physically handicapped and currently assisted under the scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities are 5 (Guwahati-2, Darang-1, Kamrup-2) and 3 respectively in the state of Assam. This ministry has no scheme for destitutes in Assam.

(b) and (c) The information is given in the table below:

Year of sanction	No. of complete proposals received and sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. lacs)
1996-97	Nil	Nil
1997-98	1 5	2.18
1998-99	3	12.21
1999-2000		7.00 (till date)

The incomplete proposals are referred back to the Non-Governmental Organisations seeking clarifications, wanting documents etc. There are 13 such cases.

(d) No, Sir. Complete Proposals received from NGOs complying with, the requirements of the scheme alongwith requisite documents and state govt, recommendations are examined for sanction in the normal course.

(e) Does not arise.

News-Items "Bill for the Disabled all but Forgotten"

1931 SHRI P PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minsiter of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Bills for the disabled all but forgotten", appearing in the Times of India, dated 25th November, 1999;